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Filed: November 24, 2003	)	Confirmation No.: 1227
For: A COMMISSIONING MODULE FOR A	)	
FLUID DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM	)	
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The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing and before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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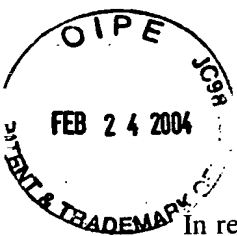
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed. However, copies of the listed U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed since it is no longer required according to the July 11, 2003 waiver of the requirement for copies of cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications in national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 and international applications entering the national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 after June 30, 2003.

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Unassigned**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	6,026,843		Pozniak et al.	02-22-2000
	3,134,395		Glasgow	02-18-1960

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	2 579 289	A	France	03-19-1985	Abstract Only	
	3 419 498	A	Germany	05-25-1984	Abstract Only	

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